

**TOWN OF ELSMERE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Deborah A. Norkavage called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR	DEBORAH A. NORKAVAGE	PRESENT
1 ST DISTRICT	JOHN JAREMCHUK, JR.	PRESENT
2 ND DISTRICT	STEVEN BURG	PRESENT
3 RD DISTRICT	ROBERT KACPERSKI	PRESENT
4 TH DISTRICT	CHARLES MCKEWEN	PRESENT
5 TH DISTRICT	JOANN I. PERSONTI	PRESENT
6 TH DISTRICT	EDWARD OLGA	PRESENT

Town Solicitor, Edward McNally – Present

Town Manager, John Giles – Present

Chief of Police, Laura Giles - Present

Pension Committee Chairman, Pat Frantz - Present

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration for Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 535

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilman Jaremchuk to consider Ordinance 535 for Third and Final Reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burg.

Councilman Jaremchuk asked that a change be made to Ordinance 535 to indicate the effective date on page 3 to read any officer hired after June 16, 2011.

Town Solicitor, Mr. Edward McNally stated that before a vote could take place, the council must vote to approve the amendment.

At this time Councilman Jaremchuk withdrew his previous motion.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilman Jaremchuk to amend Ordinance 535 on page 3 by deleting everything after the word “after” and adding June 16, 2011. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burg.

VOTE: 7-0 All-in-Favor Motion carried

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilman Jaremchuk to consider for Third and Final reading as well as adopt Ordinance 535. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burg.

Councilwoman Personti asked if the Town has received the written approval from the current member of the Elsmere Bureau of Police approving their withdraw from the current pension plan and to be placed into the State of Delaware Police Pension Plan.

Town Manager John Giles stated that they have received written approval from the officers.

VOTE: 7-0 All-in-Favor Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Consideration of a Plan submitted by the Town Manager regarding the Elsmere Police Pension Plan.

Councilman Jaremchuk updated the Council regarding a meeting with Mr. Matthew May of Pillar Benefits Group regarding the implementation of a 457b and a 401a benefit plan for newly hired officers which would include Town contributions and current Town employees which would include no Town contribution. He discussed how the only cost to the Town would be an initial \$1,200.00 for set up and \$25.00 per year per employee, all additional costs will be charged to the employee.

Councilwoman Personti asked if regular meetings would need to occur with this company.

Town Manager John Giles stated that the Pension Committee would meet regarding these plans and what investments were available, however the liability and decisions on exactly where the money is invested is the employee's responsibility.

Consideration of Resolution 11-05

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilman Jaremchuk to approve Resolution 11-05. The motion was seconded by Mayor Norkavage.

VOTE: 7-0 All-in-Favor Motion carried

Councilman Jaremchuk asked if the Town Manager's proposed 3 part plan had been approved at the last meeting.

Town Manager John Giles stated that it had not.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilman Jaremchuk to approve the proposed 3 Part Police Pension Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Personti.

VOTE: 7-0 All-in-Favor Motion carried

Consideration of the Appointment of Election Workers for the July 8, 2011 Special Election for the 4th District Council Member.

Town Manager John Giles stated that the election workers must be approved at this meeting because the Council does not meet before the election.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilwoman Personti to approve the appointment of the election workers as submitted to the Council on June 16, 2011. The motion was seconded by Mayor Norkavage.

VOTE: 7-0 All-in-Favor Motion carried

Town Manager John Giles stated that absentee ballots would be available on June 17th and that anyone wishing to complete an absentee ballot should schedule a time with Diana Poole who is the absentee ballot clerk.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilman Burg to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKewen.

VOTE: 7-0 All-in-Favor Motion carried

These minutes summarize agenda and other issues discussed at this Council Meeting. Votes are recorded accurately. The audio tape(s) of this meeting will be available at Town Hall for a period of two years from the date these minutes are approved. The audio tapes may be reviewed at Town Hall by appointment and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

DEBORAH A. NORKAVAGE
MAYOR

JOANN I. PERSONTI
SECRETARY